

The rejections applied to the claims and a discussion of Morino are set forth in the Request for Reconsideration filed July 11, 2003, and those comments are incorporated therein by reference.

As discussed at the personal interview, Applicants' invention relates to a camera control arrangement in which a figure scripted on a display screen on which an image formed by a camera is being displayed, is detected. A salient feature of Applicants' invention is the provision of a selection device that collates a pattern of a figure scripted on the display screen with figure patterns previously stored in a storage device. The selection device selects a command to control a predetermined function of the camera in accordance with the figure pattern which corresponds to the detected figure.

The Morino patent discloses a camera control method and apparatus and a network system of a camera control apparatus and controls the camera apparatus in conformity with the zone in which a mouse cursor is situated. As understood, the Morino patent is being read such that movement of a cursor 18 by the mouse is equated to a scripted figure on the motion picture window (see Figure 7). In response, Applicants respectfully submit that even if the cursor movement is being read as a figure scripted on the motion picture window, Morino does not teach or suggest, among other features, collating a pattern of the detected figure with previously stored figure patterns. Instead, in Morino a command for controlling the camera is directly generated from the figure pattern detected.

Unlike Applicants' claimed invention, therefore, Morino does not collate a scripted figure with stored figure patterns and select a command control based on the corresponding detected figure, and thus would not be able to control the camera in a way shown,

for example, in Figures 14A and 14B (zoom in), Figures 15A and 15B (zoom out) or in Figures 19A through 19D (pan and tilt control).

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Morino fails to teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention.

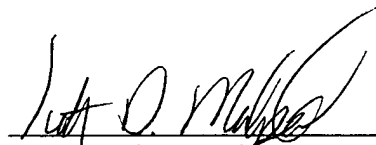
The additional citations to Cortjens and Kawai fail to compensate for the deficiencies in Morino for the reasons discussed in the Request for Reconsideration of July 11, 2003.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of art, even if proper, still fails to teach or suggest Applicants' claimed invention. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103 are deemed to be appropriate and such action is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

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